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## Gidgegannup Agricultural Society News

Time is running out for Stall Holders to book their space for the Show. A variety of entertainment organised so far is proving to be very different from previous years, read more inside this edition.

### A Show Cake to test baker's skills!

Although very rich this cake sounds really yummy, for the recipe go to page 3.

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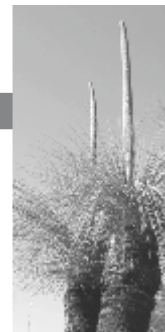
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## 2023 Show Cake

### Light and dark fruit cake



#### Ingredients

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 1 cup (150g) dried currants  
 1/3 cup (80ml) dark rum  
 40 gram butter, softened  
 1/2 cup (100g) firmly packed brown sugar  
 2 eggs  
 1/2 cup (50g) finely chopped pecans  
 40 gram dark eating chocolate, grated finely  
 1/2 cup (75g) plain flour  
 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
 200 gram marzipan  
 2 tablespoon icing sugar  
 1/4 cup (60ml) dark rum extra

90 gram butter, softened  
 2/3 cup (150g) caster sugar  
 2 eggs  
 1 cup (150g) plain flour  
 1/3 cup (80ml) dark rum  
 3/4 cup (120g) sultanas  
 1/2 cup (85g) mixed peel  
 1/4 cup (55g) finely chopped glacé pineapple  
 1/2 cup (50g) finely chopped pecans

#### Method

- 1 Combine fruit and rum in medium bowl. Cover; stand overnight.
- 2 Line 20cm x 30cm lamington pan with baking paper, extending paper 3cm over long sides of pan.
- 3 Beat butter, sugar and eggs in small bowl with electric mixer until pale in colour (mixture will curdle, but will come together later). Add butter mixture to fruit mixture; stir in nuts, chocolate and sifted flour and soda. Spread mixture in pan.
- 4 Roll out marzipan on icing-sugared surface to 20cm x 30cm rectangle; place in pan over dark cake layer.
- 5 Preheat oven to 150°C (130°C fan-forced).
- 6 To make light layer; beat butter, sugar and eggs in small bowl with electric mixer until pale in colour (mixture will curdle, but will come together later). Stir in sifted flour, rum, fruit and nuts. Spread mixture evenly over marzipan.
- 7 Bake cake about 1 hour. Cover with foil; bake further 1 hour. Brush cake top with extra rum. Cover with foil; cool in pan.

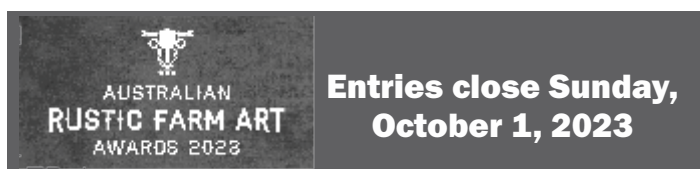
#### Notes

You need only slender small servings of this ultra-rich cake, which is why we've chosen to bake it in a lamington pan. The layer of marzipan in the middle keeps the cake moist as well as adding to the flavour. Buy the best marzipan (or almond paste) you can find.



### Come and meet the baby goats

Very pleased to confirm Angora goats and mohair fleeces will again be exhibited along with Nigerian Dwarf and other goat breeds at the 2023 Gidgegannup Agricultural Show. Come see these beautiful animals, give them a pat and meet breeders. Cya there.



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# Gidge Gossips *By Sally Block*

After complaining about the rain – it stopped. August has had barely 40mm and overall for the year we have just had 460mm (might be different in some parts of Gidge). This is the lowest we have ever had at this time of year since we moved here 36 years ago. Weather is incredible though and not so much weeding. Downside is not much runoff into dams. Tanks are all full though and the bore is still producing water. Forecast is for some rain in September, let's hope it doesn't slip away. Not good for crops as well – forecast is the grain harvest will only be 60%.

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Odd reports of cattle roaming mainly around the Tilden Park area and also some lost dogs. Check out on the Gidge Chat Forum or Gidge Announcements on fb for information. It is incredibly upsetting to lose a dog and not know where it is. Fortunately most return or are found, but keep an eye out.

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Upside of this beautiful weather is that calving and lambing are going well, probably too well! We have about a dozen little black calves doing zoomies around the paddocks and playing in a gang. Same way with the lambs, they are black as well and are having a wonderful time in the sun.

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The local roads in North Gidge are very busy in the mornings over the weekend with cars and motorbikes also taking advantage of the good weather for a drive in the country. Only comments are to some – not so fast and stay on your side of the road. Big mention is though, respect other road users particularly those on horses and cycles.

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The Church Community Dinner is being held on 9th September at Felicity's Garden ( see Experience Gidge for details and fb sites).

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Gidgestock is also coming up 13th-15th October check out on fb.

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The Gidge Show is well advanced with its preparations for their event on 29th October, 2023.

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It looks as though North Stoneville will not go away with another Directions Hearing at SAT on 1st September to extend the consultation period yet again.

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Another “stayer” is EastLink and the latest information from the website is "The Ultimate Design concept for the highway is soon to be completed, and with it comes the end of the planning and development phase of the project. From May, we will be meeting with directly affected landowners to present the Ultimate Design concept and provide information on the future land requirement boundary. Following this, the completed Ultimate Design concept will be made available for the general community." Hear that there is some further resumption of land which is not popular for some. More to find out about this!

## This month's Joke

**The world's leading expert on European wasps walks into a record shop.**

He asks the assistant “Do you have 'European Vespidae Acoustics Volume 2? I believe it was released this week.”

“Certainly,” replies the assistant. “Would you like to listen before you buy it?”

"That would be wonderful," says the expert, and puts on a pair of headphones.

He listens for a few moments and says to the assistant, “I'm terribly sorry, but I am the world's leading expert on European wasps and this is not accurate at all. I don't recognize any of those sounds. Are you sure this is the correct recording?”

The assistant checks the turntable, and replies that it is indeed European Vespidae Acoustics Volume 2. The assistant apologises and lifts the needle onto the next track.

Again the expert listens for a few moments and then says to the assistant, "No, this just can't be right! I've been an expert in this field for 43 years and I still don't recognize any of these sounds."

The assistant apologizes again and lifts the needle to the next track.

The expert throws off the headphones as soon as it starts playing and is fuming with rage.

"This is outrageous false advertising! I am the world's leading expert on European wasps and no European wasp has ever made a sound like the ones on this record!"

The manager of the shop overhears the commotion and walks over.

"What seems to be the problem, sir?"

"This is an outrage! I am the world's leading expert on European wasps. Nobody knows more about them than I do. There is no way in hell that the sounds on that record were made by European wasps!"

The manager glances down and notices the problem instantly. "I'm terribly sorry, sir. It appears we've been playing you the bee side."

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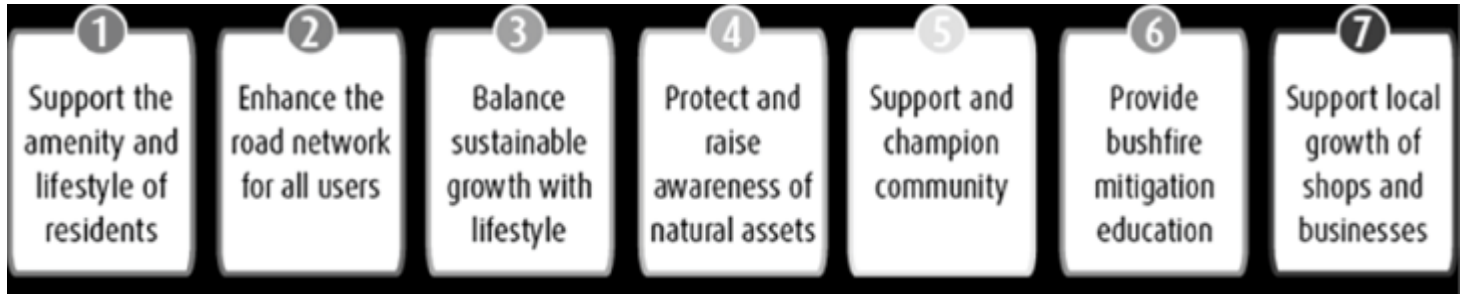
**Next Meetings: 18th September, 16th October, 20th November 2023 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall.**

## GIDGEGANNUP LOCAL AREA PLAN:

Phase 2 of this consultation is continuing and opportunities are available to participate. There will be City attendance at the Place Office on Wednesday 23rd and 30th August and

online comment can be made at Swan Engage until 4th September. We encourage the community to have input to the LAP. This is your community and your Plan.

The Priorities that were identified in Phase 1 were:



## ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT;

This Act has now been repealed after significant and widespread community opposition. The 1972 Act has now been amended and will now need to proceed as a Bill through State Parliament. The Bill can be read at.

[https://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/Bills.nsf/E06AF4D810627F3948258A060009539A/\\$File/Aboriginal%2BHeritage%2BAct%2B1972.pdf](https://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/Bills.nsf/E06AF4D810627F3948258A060009539A/$File/Aboriginal%2BHeritage%2BAct%2B1972.pdf)

The Blue version of the bill makes it easy to identify changes.

## TARGA RALLIES BEING CANCELLED

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-07-14/targa-events-tasmania-qld-2023-cancelled-motorsport-aust-review/102602526>

Unfortunately it appears that a new body Tarmac West are to hold three Rallysprints to replace the Targa West Rally. Two to be held in the City of Swan one at Ellenbrook and one at Malaga. The GPA are concerned about this as the events of 2006 when Peter Brock died in the Targa West Rally in Gidgegannup were confronting and traumatic to both the community and particularly the volunteer fire brigade members who had to extricate his body from the wreckage. This incident resulted in the Rally being moved from Gidgegannup but our community has had to live with its legacy for the last seventeen years with a greatly increased

level of hooning in our area, particularly around the anniversary of the death, multiple deaths from those trying to emulate their hero, memorial car park attracting hooning and rubbish, memorial drives up to the site of his death for many years with, associated nuisance, noise and rubbish. Only a few months ago we had an incident on Reserve Road where a young man died driving a car in a way that was far beyond his skills to control and ending up crashing into a tree. This was in the middle of the day and yet again it was members of our community and the volunteer fire brigade who were first on the scene and had the unenviable task of trying to save his life and watch him die in front of them.

The view has been expressed that we categorically do not want this event or any replacement of it, ever returning to Gidgegannup.

## EMRC – 2 COMMUNITY INFO SESSIONS FOR THE NEW CARBON TO ETHANOL PILOT PLANT

Following the information sessions Woodside have been able to identify possible problems and have responded by moving the site of the plant further away from residences and consider the potential for lighting from the facility impacting on visual amenity. Further information can be found at [www.woodside.com](http://www.woodside.com)

## EMRC;

The EMRC has had changes to their licence approved. Of note is the requirements for air monitoring when chipping power poles has been removed after being conducted for the past year. This was a requirement after an appeal was made by someone last year regarding the planned works.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS;

City of Swan | DA322-23 - Ancillary Dwelling - Lot 131 (No.72) Lakeview Drive, GIDGEGANNUP

Submission made

<https://der.wa.gov.au/our-work/licences-and-works-approvals/lwa-applications/item/18932-w6829-2023-1>

This is deepening leachate ponds at the EMRC – submission made.

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City of Swan | DA916-22 - Existing Dam - Lot 61 (No.312)  
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### **TOODYAY ROAD VERGES;**

We have received the following correspondence from our School Bus Drivers:

For many months now we have gone back and forth with MRDWA regarding the copious amount of loose stone shed by and accumulated on this section of road. It is a hazard to motorists and cyclists and is responsible for significant damage to vehicle paintwork and windscreens. Cyclists are unable to ride on the shoulder due to the amount of debris, thus forcing them in to the traffic zone. Lane changes in the overtaking lane result in the overtaken vehicle being blasted with debris. A look at the paint damage to my school bus evidences my claim. The worst area is the overtaking lane section between Aspen and Berry roads.

The solution is simple, we want the whole section thoroughly swept across the sealed width. This would remove the accumulated material and prove if the surface is still shedding. MRD claim that the road has been swept at some point in time but there is no evidence of this. Our combined efforts have resulted in no tangible action from MRD and we have now hit a wall.

Main Roads have responded the road has recently been swept and the surface is improved.

### **. WOOROLOO REPORT UPDATE**

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/review-of-the-management-of-the-wooroloo-fire-of-february-2021>

### **DEBRIS AND MUD ON TOODYAY ROAD;**

Members have expressed concern at the amount of debris and mud being pulled on to the Toodyay Road from trucks exiting

the EMRC and Hansons. Complaints made to both organisations.

EMRC response: Thank you for your email. We acknowledge that there have been occasions during this winter where mud has been transported onto Toodyay Road and we apologise to the Community for this.

We have now increased the maintenance of our current Wheel Wash unit to fortnightly and have also implemented a daily program of scraping and washing down of the internal roads. We are having the site swept more frequently dependant on weather conditions. We are also investigating the upgrade or replacement of the existing wheel wash and the requirements for an additional wheel wash on site. We are also in the process of going through our procurement process to secure a EMRC internal vacuum and sweeper. This unit will support and bolster our current program we have in place with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor. Although, not an excuse, the wet season this year has made things very challenging for ourselves. We believe that by increasing the service programs highlighted about, this should help reduce the amount of mud leaving our site via the heavy vehicles.

Hanson:

Hanson currently employs a contractor to sweep internal and entrance roads three times a week to mitigate any dust from entering Toodyay road.

As you may be aware Main Roads are currently under taking shoulder works all along Toodyay road, unfortunately the contractors have left large sections of roadway with the gravel shoulder higher than the roadway causing gravel to wash out onto Toodyay road causing hazards to all road users.

After the heavy rains there were several sections of Toodyay road covered in gravel with the potential to be a hazard to all road users.

Hanson have had a conversation with Main Roads three

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months ago in regards to the hard shoulder works ,after several people thought the gravel was coming from the Hanson Quarry. Unfortunately this is still an issue and Main Roads or its contractor have not rectified the problem

### **AFDRS**

The GPA have written to the Minister copied to Jessica Shaw MLA as follows

With Summer fast approaching the Gidgegannup Progress Association (GPA) are getting many enquiries from the community as to the situation with the AFDRS and progress of the Update to this System.

We last received an Update in early May and would like if possible, to have the most recent information particularly in regard to the Swan Inland North Fire Weather District and the drivers of the elevated ratings.

We understand that WA has significantly updated its fuel load modelling inputs into the system and considerable information and recommendations for upgrades/changes have been provided by WA to the National Review, based on extensive data gathering and considerable feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders, including the public.

Has the National Review been completed and, if so, what, if any, outcomes have been released?

We would be grateful to receive information regarding this matter.

No response as yet.

### **STREETLIGHTS:**

Complaints re. faulty street lights and lights being left on should be reported to:

<https://www.westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/>

### **RESERVE ROAD QUARRY REVEGETATION;**

The GPA enquired as to how this was progressing and have been informed that this was completed on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### **MAIN ROADS ENQUIRIES;**

The GPA and community members are raising many issues with Main Roads Enquiries. We sometimes get responses and Work order nos. and then nothing.

At the moment issues raised are the state of the Toodyay Road and Red Hill. When is rubbish going to be collected again, and gravel and debris on the road causing issues.

We will continue following this up as this service is just not good enough.

Response from Main Roads re. traffic counts on Toodyay Road:

Thank you for your enquiry.

The results of all Main Roads traffic surveys are made available on the TrafficMap website.

There are two Network Performance Sites (NPS) that perform continuous traffic monitoring on Toodyay Rd.

These are available on TrafficMap at the links below. To view the reports, select the site (green icon) and click 'Reports':

- NPS4442
- NPS51981

This will provide a variety of daily vehicle averages broken down by time of day, time of year, vehicle type and day type (weekday vs weekend) among other things.

Some detail of how these reports are structured is available here: <https://trafficmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au/faq>

You will note that there are some other locations marked along Toodyay Rd. These represent other traffic surveys you can view reports for, but the reporting is often more limited than what is available via a NPS. These other traffic surveys are performed to meet specific project needs rather than on a regular schedule.

Monitoring will continue at the two NPS on an ongoing basis for trending purposes and the data on TrafficMap will be updated approximately every 4-6 weeks as new data becomes available.

### **MOBILE PHONE TOWERS**

The GPA have been receiving reports from the community regarding both the Town and Reen Road towers that it is felt that the Broadband width is insufficient for community needs, as although in some cases data can be downloaded, it is difficult to make and receive calls.

We understand that some of these issues might be down to topography and equipment but are concerned with the cessation of the 3G service and the provision of 5G being unlikely or effective in our rural area, this is only going to get worse.

We are anxious to know whether there are any plans for an upgrade to the towers to deal with this situation.

Telstra response:

Certainly we have plans to ensure that there is 4G mobile coverage equivalence post the planned 3G exit in 2024.

One of the key reasons to exit 3G is that whilst it has served us well over the past 15 years plus, it was great for phone calls but not for data. Fast forward to 2023 and our network traffic is 99% data and 1% phone call volume. Hence the need to roll-out more 4G, 5G in certain areas, and to re-purpose 3G spectrum for low band 5G in regional areas, and this would include Gidgegannup.

To look more closely at the residents who are noting current speed or capacity issues, can you please provide address details so we can investigate further?

### **NORTH STONEVILLE STRUCTURE PLAN – LATEST UPDATE**

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/north-stoneville-structure-plan-34#latest-update>



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## Local Government Election Changes Cr Rod Henderson

The State government has changed the Local Government Act, some changes of note are:

1. All residents within the City will now vote to elect the Mayor rather than the councillors deciding,
2. Preferential voting has been reintroduced but at least it will be optional after much complaint about it being gamed. Only numbers to be used, no ticks. I expect to see informal votes as a result of this,
3. The number of councillors reduces from 15 to 14 requiring a ward boundary review.

Anyone with little experience could run for Mayor and perhaps be elected. The councillors may not work well with that Mayor, if they elect their own it's similar to the Westminster system. Many have said that it will also bring party politics into it. At this point let me make it clear, I will not be standing for State or Federal election.

The preferential voting system is touted to be more democratic but it has its faults in council elections. A small group could get a candidate up through running multiple candidates and distributing preferences on their how to vote card. With an option of only filling the box(es) of preferred candidates, voters can eliminate shadow candidates. This would mean any unmarked boxes have no flow of minority votes through exhaustive preference counts. Even so it can be expected to see preference deals being done, at least some elimination can be provided by the voter. I'm sure most candidates will suggest a voting order as you see in state and federal elections.

With a reduction of council members the structure of the Swan Valley/Gidgegannup ward has changed. To make up the representation numbers all of urban Caversham is now included.

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There is no doubt that the rural sector is marginalised by this. The other area where there are significant urban numbers is in the Vines and with Clementine in Upper Swan growing there will be more. Postal votes for councillors and the mayor vote will be distributed by Australia Post around 26th September possibly earlier in some areas. It should be noted that these are my views alone and not those of the Council or the City of Swan.

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**FACE THE DAY 6-6.45PM**  
**THE ROUGH HOUSERS 7-7.45PM**  
**BRANDON POLETTI & THE EAGLETON BROTHERS 8-8.45PM**  
**CHAIN REACTION 9-10PM**

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**REDHOUSE 10-10.45AM**  
**THE FLARES 11-11.45AM**  
**SATISFACTION GUARANTEED 12-12.45PM**  
**BROTHER BEAR 1-1.45PM**  
**AMBERDOWN 2-2.45PM**  
**MOTH STREET ARTISTS 3-3.45PM**  
**BROTHER IN ARMS 4-4.45PM**

**LUIS REBEIRO & THE BLUES MACHINE 5-5.45PM**  
**ELECTRIC STATE 6-6.45PM**  
**MOONLIGHTERS 7-7.45PM**  
**BRADLEY HALL 8-8.45PM**  
**DR SOUL 9-10PM**  
**THE U-NITES 10.15-11PM**  
**COASTAL DRIFT 11.15-MIDNIGHT**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**THE BEV ABELA BAND 8-8.45AM**  
**THE CATHERINE WHEELS 9-9.45AM**  
**BLUES CONFUSION 10-10.45AM**  
**PENTOTOLOGY 11-NOON**  
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## As One Nyitting

This year and for the first time a Welcome to Country will be held at the Gidge Show.

As One Nyitting Group determined that they and their members and participants are part of the language group which includes the area of the Gidgegannup township.

This has not only been confirmed by the As One Nyitting group, but also by the City of Swan's own Indigenous Relations Officer. The First Nations' Group has recently acquired a property near Gidgegannup which is now being developed for cultural education both of their own members and for the wider community in the form of paid guided cultural tours of the property to explain the significance of the area to the Gidgegannup aboriginal community. They are planning on having lucky draws at their exhibit providing free family tours of this property to the winners during the Show.

The CWA exhibit and marquee is to provide a wide variety of activities for children and youths who attend the show. These activities will include local community groups and the City Of Swan Youth Groups.

As part of the interaction of the As One Nyitting Group, members of their mob will be visiting the CWA marquee to share First Nation Stories and to tell them about recent

cultural activities conducted by the aboriginal group at their Northam facilities. In this way we are linking the activities of the CWA with the exposure of First Nation People to the greater community of Gidgegannup and beyond, especially the junior and youth segments.



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# Local Government Ordinary Elections

Local government elections are held every two years, on the third Saturday in October. The Mayor is elected for a four-year term. Councillors are each elected for four-year terms, with half elected every second election.

***Polling day for the next local government election is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023.***

We have appointed the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) to run our upcoming election as a postal election. The WAEC will appoint a Returning Officer to oversee the election, which will include taking candidate nominations and supervising the count on election night.

**Gidgegannup/Swan Valley Ward has a vacancy for one new Councillor.**

**Nominations open Thursday August 31, and close 4pm Thursday 7 September 2023.**



**Gidgegannup/Swan Valley Ward**

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# *Grass is always greener on the other side of the fence*

## **Around the Paddock** by The Farmer

The season to date has been a bit of a hit and miss affair. Cold to freezing temperatures, wet, dry and windy. Depending on pasture growth top dressing is also hit and miss this year.

With Spring fast looming upon us, now would be the time to get any top dressing of crops and pasture completed.

The dams and tanks are filled to overflowing and the creeks are running nicely.

When I drove past Noble Falls recently, there were plenty of cars and foot traffic in the picnic area and surrounds, which is great to see. With the cold weather we have experienced and more than likely with more to come in the coming weeks, livestock need to be cared for. Shelter in the form of trees or a built structure is very important.

I haven't noticed too many trees or large branches that have been brought down during winter this year, though saying that we did have a couple of giant marris fallen to the ground a few weeks ago. A real shame as these were good nesting trees.

Though that scoundrel Murphy no doubt will let loose at some stage and the obligatory tree or large branch will come down and demolish a fence or two.

This is the last thing that anyone really wants.

A downed fence with livestock behind it, is just an invitation to check the other side out. More unfortunate if the fence is a road boundary fence.

Over the years I have come to the conclusion that livestock no matter how well fed they are, will always think that the grass is of a better quality on the other side.

Then of course there are the ones that just quietly zip past when a gate is opened for feeding.

I have a couple of cows, very placid types, but wait till I am back in the ute and then stroll around to the passenger side and through the gate to check out that "other" side.

Once one or two have got through the gate, giving a signal for the others to follow also. If a second person is available to be at the gate, this usually stops the escapes and the grief of getting them back to where they should be.

With the weather as it has been this year, the paddock feed seems to have been a bit slow on getting away.

Hand feeding with hay, pellets or a combination is still very necessary. Maintaining animals in good condition makes it so much easier for them to stay in front with any cold weather that may still come.

Hand feeding should be maintained until the paddock feed is of sufficient height, good quality and strength to sustain them. But, if the paddock feed is of rubbish quality, then this will not be good enough to sustain them, so hand feeding will still be necessary.

The establishment of good quality paddock feed is something that should be taken care of early in the year.



Livestock owners have to be responsible for the animals they own. They are a valuable commodity, whether it be a couple of pets or a commercial set-up.

If selling through a sale yard auction system, a good rule of thumb is, present the animals in the best possible condition, and then as a rule good prices will follow.

Though the prices being achieved at the sale yards are not the highs of last year it is always best to seek the advice from a stock agent.

They are the ones who generally have a better understanding of how the market is running.

If you are thinking of selling then get a stock agent to visit your property to get an appraisal of the stock you want to sell.

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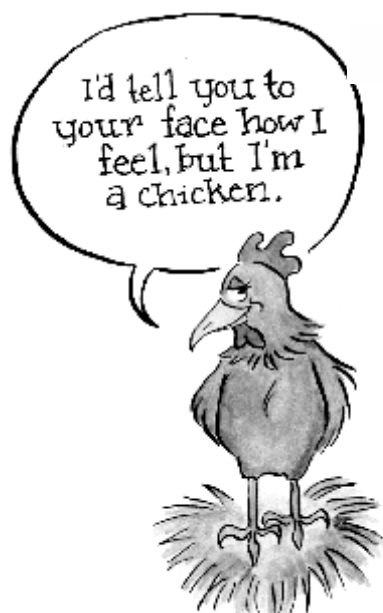
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### What's on in Swan

#### Seed saving and food preserving at Old Midland Courthouse

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Rin Bunn will demonstrate how basic methods of dehydrating fruit and vegetables can keep you in tasty seasonal foods out of season, and ways to save your seeds so you can grow food for years to come.

By preserving in times of abundance either from your garden or taking advantage of high season varieties available commercially you can save money and look after your nutrition. Please book in as spaces are limited. For all inquiries contact Midland Public Library on (08) 9267 9020.

#### Food growing in Perth

Next date: Friday, 08 September 2023

1:30pm to 2:30pm

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#### Songwriting with Mitch MacDonald at the Old Midland Courthouse

Next date: Monday, 11 September 2023  
3:00pm to 5:00pm

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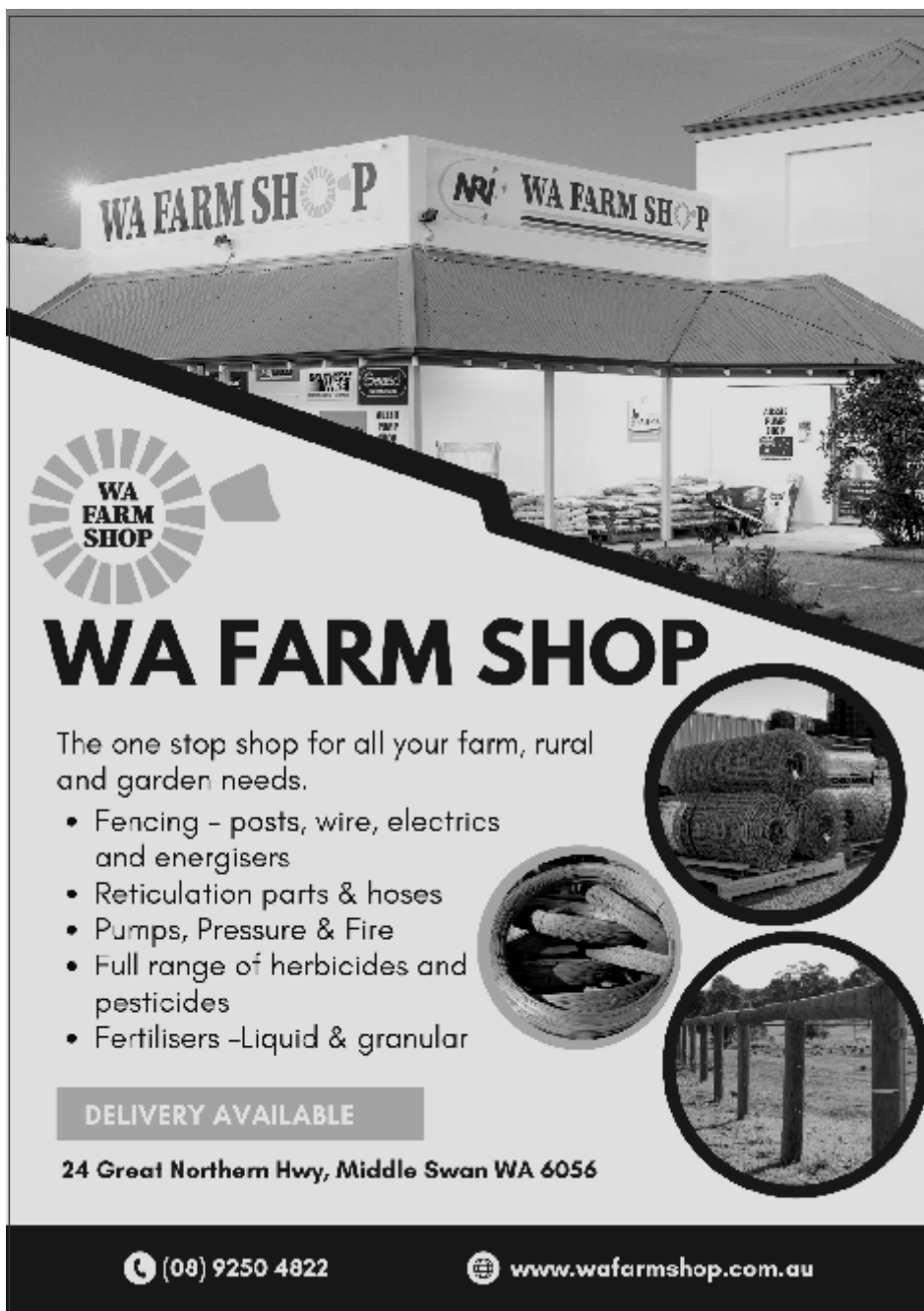
This workshop will cover everything from the basics of song structure to more advanced techniques for crafting a compelling narrative through your music. Whether you're an experienced songwriter or just starting out, this workshop is sure to provide you with valuable skills and knowledge that you can apply to your craft.

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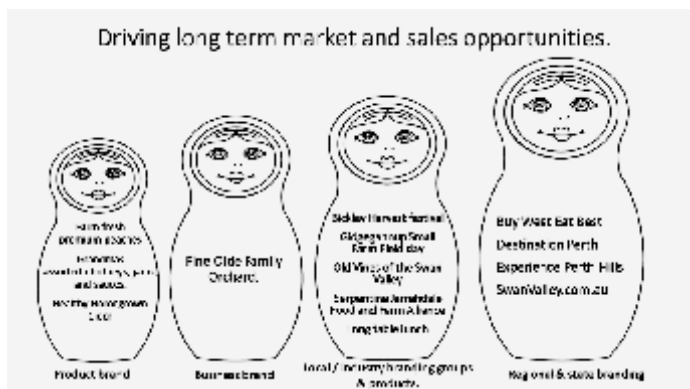
## Experience Gidgegannup News

**Annual General Meeting:** Sad to say our President Jen is moving to Perth and we wish her and Ian the very best. Good news though is Jen will stay on our committee and be at the Field Day as will Ian in charge of the traffic and Parking logistics.

Penny Morgan has taken over as President and Felicity Morgan will be taking over as Ground Steward. Genevieve Payne has now taken over as Secretary. The rest of the Committee remain the same. We thank all our Committee past, present and future for their great work on the Field Day and for helping to promote and build on Agritourism and the importance of sustainable agriculture in the Perth Hills.

## Making the most of product branding and Regional Branding 2023

We are inviting farmers, farmers markets, food growers, food value adding, café's & restaurants and agritourism businesses looking for new strategies to grow their business and profits to a free workshop on branding.



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- **Wednesday 13 September** at Mundaring Arena -Bendigo Room, 50 Mundaring Weir Road, Mundaring.
- **Thursday 14 September** at Nikola Estate, 148 Dale Road, Middle Swan Western Australia 6056.
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Tristan is an ex-retailer, having previously held senior positions with Sainsbury's (UK) and Coles supermarkets, and is now a management consultant providing advice and support along the grocery value chain, from major retailers through to manufacturers and primary producers.

Tristan's previous experiences include senior positions with Sainsbury's and Coles Supermarkets. Tristan also manages and operates the Harmonised Australian Retailer Produce Scheme (HARPS) on behalf of the major grocery retailers in Australia (ALDI, Coles, Costco, Harris Farms, Metcash (IGA) and Woolworths) and Hello Fresh, Marley Spoon and McDonalds.

## Agritourism

We want to find out what interest there is in developing Agritourism in Gidgegannup. We would like your input on this, so, if required, we can made a submission to the City to seek their support.

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## Annual Church Dinner

Gidgegannup Community Church presents its annual Spring Dinner, hosted by Penny and Jim at their beautiful home, Felicity's Garden. From 5pm you can wander around the gardens while you enjoy your aperitifs.

**DATE** Saturday 9 September 2023, 5pm - 11pm (UTC+08)

**LOCATION** Felicity's Garden 613 Copley-Dale Rd , Gidgegannup WA 6083 – Bookings at [trybooking](http://trybooking)

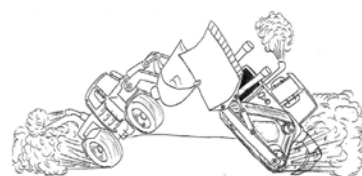
## Gidgestock

This annual event will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October to the 15<sup>th</sup> October. More info at: [www.gidgestock.com.au](http://www.gidgestock.com.au)

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# RAC Council Elections

**Voting opens:** 22 September  
**closes:** 20 November 2023

## **VOTE** *for* **Stephen Fox**

**Stephen Fox is a Wooroloo resident seeking re-election to the RAC WA Council**

### **From Stephen**

"As an active and supportive RAC member since 1973, I have been fortunate to apply my working life experiences to the role of RAC Councillor. I gained the confidence of my fellow Councillors who, elected me to the committees of both, Member & Policy and Rules Review.

In addition to a strong trade background as an electrician, I built a successful kit-car manufacturing business, worked in community development and in the Caravan Industry R&D.

I have a long history of participation with three terms in local Government (Shire of Mundaring). 17 years' service with St John Ambulance as an active and regular Volunteer Ambulance Officer (Typically attending in excess of 50 calls a year).

I have served on the Motorsport Peak body CAMS (Renamed Motorsport Australia) on their national Board., as well as serving on the WA State Council of CAMS including Chairman for five years. I have also as a Ministerial Appointment served on the Road Safety Council."





Stephen Fox and the RAC Elephant in the Wheatbelt.

For further information visit

**[www.stephenfox.online](http://www.stephenfox.online)**

### **How to vote 2023**

Eligible Voting Members will receive a RAC Election supplement and voting instructions by:

-  **Email**, if you have a valid email address on your membership or
-  **Post**, if you do not have a valid email address on your membership

**Contact Stephen Fox via email:**  
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## Community Investment applications now open

**For funding up to \$10,000. Applications close 30 September 2023.**

Chalice is committed to positively contributing to the local communities that surround the Gonneville Project, to achieve meaningful social and economic benefits. One way Chalice can contribute is through our **Community Investment Program**, which aims to support local community groups and projects in the region. When applying, applicants should consider the focus areas:

-  **Education**
-  **Environment**
-  **Community Connection**

Chalice considers the Shires of Toodyay, Northam, Chittering and Goomalling as our priority communities.

In the recent Local Voices community survey, respondents told us that it was important for Chalice to provide support to the local community through environmental initiatives.

**Do you know of any local groups doing great work that is environmentally focused?**

In line with Chalice's commitment to strong environmental stewardship, we encourage funding applications for community environmental projects and conservation activities.

**Apply Now**

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